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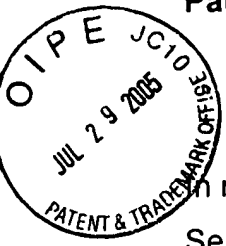
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- ☐ [] Together with the present application.
- ☒ [X] Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. **[37 CFR § 1.97(b)]**
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☒ No separate requirements are needed.

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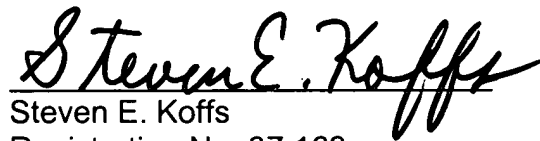
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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